

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants	:	Leung et al.	
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Art Unit	:	3731	
Examiner	:	Glen Dawson	
Docket No.	:	013341.000021	
Customer No.	:	24239	
Title	:	BARBED SUTURE IN COMBINATION WITH SURGICAL NEEDLE	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This responds to an Election/Restrictions requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 dated March 29, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any amount owed to deposit account no. **13-4365**.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.